

right and a wrong way to address them. And you can't start until the country has the will, until the Congress and the President have the will and exhibit the leadership to address them.

McCullough spoke about John Adams in that book "John Adams" as they were trying to put this new country together. Adams is traveling a lot, especially in Europe, and he writes to Abigail. And that is why we know a lot about John Adams. Back then he would say to Abigail as he was traveling: From where will the leadership come? Where will the leadership come from to help form this new country of ours? Where will the leadership emerge?

Then in a later letter he would sort of say lamentingly, there is really only us to provide the leadership. There is just us. There is me; there is George Washington; there is Thomas Jefferson; there is Ben Franklin; there is Mason; there is Madison. Well, in the rearview mirror of history they were only a few of some of the great talent in human history who framed quite a remarkable country and a Constitution that says "we the people."

But every generation of Americans has to ask the same question: From where will the leadership come? Who will emerge as the leaders to help put this on track? That is especially the case now. Who will emerge as the leaders to begin standing up for the economic interests of this country and to say that we can't continue these kinds of trade deficits, we can't continue shipping good American jobs overseas because people who make \$11 an hour are paid too much? Where will the middle class in America be? Will we have a middle class if \$11 an hour is the wage that is too high? Are we going to be willing to stand up for the economic interests for our country? Are our trade policies designed to raise other countries or push our country down? The answer to that, quite clearly, is push down wages and opportunities.

You read every day in your local newspapers about what is happening to pensions and benefits for workers across this country and, for that matter, wages.

If I might close with just the Palm Pilot message from the young woman from Silicon Valley. I think it says it all. I mean you lose your job in this country. You go to school; you get an education; you go to work for a technology company; you build Palm Pilots, help design them; and the last message on this young woman's Palm Pilot was "My job's gone to India." Guess what. She trained her successor as well. That is what the company required her to do at her last job. So the next time people say it is only about manufacturing jobs and it is really advantageous for us if we can find someone to make shoes and shirts and pants and clothes and trinkets and trousers in China or Bangladesh because it is cheaper for us to go to a big box retailer and pay that money, when they say that, understand it is not just

about those jobs. Yes, it is jobs, but it is about jobs going to India and somebody who made Palm Pilots. It is about engineers going to India. It is about a massive loss of American jobs, 3 million in the last 4 years, and much, much more to come, given the trade agreements we have had and given the trade agreements that are now being negotiated.

I have one last point. Right now Ambassador Portman is negotiating a new trade deal in a place called Doha. I am assuming they are negotiating in Doha because they can't do it in New York or Paris or London or places such as that; the streets would be full of demonstrators because people are fed up with these kinds of agreements. So they are negotiating in Doha behind closed doors in secret and our negotiator has, in my judgment, just put a cherry on top of whipped cream on the sundae here in terms of incompetency. He said everything is on the table.

That means for everybody who is unfairly dumping in our country, we are willing to trade it away; it is on the table as they trade away our anti-dumping laws. That is the protection we are supposed to have in trade law against those who would commit unfair trade practices against us. We are willing to trade that away, the anti-dumping and the countervailing duties. It is all on the table.

This is unbelievable to me. This country needs a spine, a backbone, and a willingness to stand up for its own economic interests, and this has now been the case for some long while.

Mr. President, I will again offer amendments dealing with trade. I will offer the amendment which has been defeated now four times that rewards tax breaks, companies that ship American jobs overseas and hope, perhaps, that if not enough see the light perhaps more will feel the heat. One day perhaps there will be a majority who will step forward to stop this insidious practice to provide tax breaks for companies that ship American jobs overseas. If we can't take the first baby step, there is little hope to keep good jobs in this country.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE. The Senator from Ohio.

#### HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

##### ARMY PRIVATE FIRST CLASS KENNETH C. SOUSLIN

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a young soldier who was taken from us far too soon. Army pfc Kenneth C. Souslin from Lexington, OH, lost his life on December 15, 2003, while serving our Nation in Iraq. He was 21 years old at the time of his death.

Kenneth—Kacey to his family and friends—was born on October 10, 1982, to loving parents, Kenneth and Cecelia. Growing up as the youngest of five

boys, he quickly learned the importance of developing his own identity—and it was one of fearlessness, dedication, duty, and compassion. From a young age, he was devoted to his family and to his faith. Sean Davis, who knew Kacey since the 5th grade, remembers how he would sprint across the cafeteria to give his mom a hug whenever she came to their school.

At Lexington High School, Kacey was well-liked by all. His father said that Kacey "did not know an enemy. He was outgoing . . . not scared of anything." As a member of the drama club, he acted in several plays, including "Second Chance" and "Country Gothic." Drama teacher, Ray Gerrell remembers how well Kacey performed, despite a speech impediment. He said that Kacey "did wonderfully. . . . He gave 100 percent."

Though he loved being on the stage, Kacey also had a shy side. English teacher, Sally Giefer, considers Kacey's Junior Prom as one of her favorite memories of him. She recalls this about that dance:

[Kacey] was so shy. He hid in the bathroom for 45 minutes. I had his friends get him out and told him that we needed to dance. He replied that he didn't know how and I said that there are no rules to dancing and we went and had fun. The next year, Kacey had grown so much. He asked my husband for permission to dance with me.

Following high school graduation, Kacey enlisted in the U.S. Army to see the world, experience new cultures, and meet new people—all while earning money for college. His family had already taught him the value of service through their own selfless examples. Kacey's father served in the U.S. Air Force in Thailand, and his brother, Bryant, served for 4 years in the Navy and then enlisted in the Air Force Reserves.

Kacey reported to boot camp at Fort Gordon, GA. There, he never complained and was known as a hard worker. Lexington High School Principal, Jim Goode, recalls that when Kacey returned with his recruiter to the high school wearing his Army uniform, he was full of confidence. Kacey gave him such a firm handshake that afterward, he had to pull his fingers apart.

Kacey was assigned to the 440th Signal Battalion, 22nd Signal Brigade, V Corps, stationed in Darmstadt, Germany. He arrived in Iraq in September 2003 and was stationed north of Baghdad.

Army Private First Class Souslin loved to serve and defend our Nation.

He was a good soldier.

He was a proud soldier.

He was a dedicated soldier.

Soon after Kacey's death, Sergeant Jan Wendling of the Mansfield, OH, Police Department, wrote a letter to the Editor of the Mansfield News Journal newspaper expressing condolences to his family and friends and to remind us all about the gratitude we owe to all the men and women serving in our military. The following is an excerpt from that letter:

My heart sank when I read about PFC Kenneth Souslin losing his life in Iraq. . . . The suffering that families must endure for the rest of their lives is very seldom felt by the average citizen, and they are often forgotten. Let us never forget the sacrifices that our men and women in the armed forces and their families make for us every day. When you see a serviceman or woman, thank them for the unselfish job they do for us. Let them know that the work they do is very important to all our lives. Most of all pray that they will all return to their loved ones safely.

Indeed, Sergeant Wendling is right. We have an obligation to support and honor all of our service members—those who are with us and those who have given the ultimate sacrifice. Kacey Souslin served so that our world could be a better place. He served so that we could be protected so that our children and grandchildren can feel safe.

Kacey put everything he had into his service. One Internet tribute honoring him, comrade David Sanders wrote the following:

It's been [a while] and still Souslin comes into my thoughts daily. I was in the 440th with him in Germany. In Iraq, he used to come by my work area every morning on his way to work. There are no words to describe the love he had for his fellow soldiers. He truly was a wonderful friend, confidant, and soldier.

Army Specialist Sean Page echoed these same sentiments when he wrote this:

I am a soldier. I knew Kenneth because I am in the same company that he was in. I slept in the very tent that he slept in. I am writing this message to both offer my condolences and to honor his memory. Kenneth, whom we knew as "hot sauce," was a good man and a good soldier. His loss will be felt within [the] 440th for a long time to come.

Kacey Souslin was a good natured, daring, committed, outgoing, and reliable young man, who served our Nation with honor. As the Lexington, OH, community mourned for Kacey at the memorial service held in his honor, Reverend John Sgro offered the following consoling words:

[Kacey's] life has touched a part of all of our lives. In the midst of bullets and bombs, in the midst of hate and evil, we can have a peace.

Though Kacey Souslin left this Earth far too soon, he had a very positive impact on countless lives in his all-too-brief 21 years with us. He continues to live on in the hearts and minds of his family and all those who were lucky enough to know him.

My wife Fran and I keep Kacey and his parents and his brothers Joshua, Adam, Bryant, and Robert in our thoughts and in our prayers.

MARINE LANCE CORPORAL ANDREW NOWACKI

Mr. PRESIDENT, I rise today to pay tribute to an exemplary soldier and an outstanding young man. Marine LCpl Andrew Nowacki, from South Euclid, OH, was killed in Iraq when a roadside bomb struck his Humvee on the afternoon of February 26, 2005, just south of Baghdad. He was 24 years old.

Andrew—Andy to his family and friends—served the public and pro-

tected the peace in two nations separated by time, distance and circumstance. As a police officer with the Grand River Police Department in Ohio, and as a Marine serving in Iraq, Andy dedicated his life to helping his fellow man. It was his calling. And, he was remarkably good at it.

Andy was in harm's way on that Saturday afternoon in February precisely because he had earned the trust and respect of his fellow Marines. Andy's commanding officer, Sergeant Paul A. Shook, explained in a letter to Andy's parents:

I picked Andy to be my gunner. . . . Andy's job was very difficult compared to that of other gunners because he was more exposed than most of them. I needed someone I could trust, who wouldn't hesitate at any moment to offer the protection we needed. Andy was that Marine. I felt very safe having him watching over me, and I never questioned his judgment. . . . I thank God that Andy was in my life and . . . for the rare privilege to have put my safety in his hands.

It has been said that challenges don't build character, but, rather, that they reveal it. This certainly was the case for Andy. Andy's character was forged in Ohio with the love and support of his family. The challenges he faced abroad in Iraq simply revealed the core of this courageous, loving and, above all, joyful young man.

Andy was the youngest of three boys. His parents, Sheila and Denis Nowacki raised him to honor God and country through his actions. Even as a small child, Andy demonstrated selfless concern for the welfare of others. As his mother, Sheila remembers, "Even as a kid, he never cared what he got for Christmas. He was happier picking the perfect gift for other people."

His father Denis recalls that Andy followed a simple rule: Try and do something kind for someone else every day. Always smiling, always happy, full of his totally original sense of humor, Andy inspired family and friends. He lived life joyfully and that joy was contagious.

Andy graduated from Brush High School in Lyndhurst, OH, in 1998, and enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve the next fall. Andy's first experience in the Marines prepared him for the next chapter in his life—his time as a police officer. Andy wanted to work in law enforcement so that he could help others. And, as Andy's older brother, Nathan, remembers, "He told me he had become a police officer to reward the good and punish the bad." In 2000, Andy joined the Grand River Police Department. He worked 3 years as 1 of 31 Grand River officers and, during that time, he became part of a brotherhood that would never forget him.

Andy's work as a police officer required empathy and compassion—something that Andy had in spades. Robert Antonelli, the Grand River Chief of Police and the man who hired Andy, reflected on what made Andy so good at his job. This is what he said:

Every time he had to work the road, Andy would treat every call as unique. He was able

to adjust to help a little girl, or [help] a child off a school bus, or handle a domestic violence [situation]. The outcome would always be positive. He could be passionate when he had to be. If he had to put the law down, he put the law down. But, he always put that smile on his face. I am honored that he was part of the family we have. Only a policeman understands about other policemen. We're brothers in blue. He was family to us.

Andy's dad remembers the way that Andy thought of his job: "He thought it wasn't his job to hurt people. It was his job to educate. He was a man's man and a cop's cop. He delivered the courage of his convictions." An avid outdoorsman and animal lover, Andy loved to work on bike patrol. Outside, close to the people he was serving, Andy had the opportunity to touch the lives of so many in his small village of 345 people. He loved the weekly dinners at Chief Antonelli's house. He loved working with his brothers in blue.

In the village hall in Grand River, which houses the police station, a display celebrates Andy's service. His silver police badge, No. 15, still gleams alongside his starched uniform hat and still-crisp bike patrol t-shirt and dozens of photographs.

By 2003, as the conflict in Iraq escalated, Andy—again compelled by his compassion for others—answered the Marines' call to serve. Andy was in Iraq for 9 months in 2003, and returned in September 2004, when his obligation to the Reserve was almost over. During his first 6 months in Iraq, he had already suffered injuries to his right arm after a truck he was riding in suddenly blew up. But, in spite of his experiences and injuries, the images that he brought back from the war zone were those of life, not death.

His mother remembers that "Andy was one of the most joyful people. He was an animal lover. Many of the pictures that he brought back from Iraq were of children and animals." One picture, in particular, captures the very essence of Andy and what he brought to that troubled part of the world. In the picture, Andy is smiling that charming, boyish smile with his arms around two young Iraqi children. You can see the admiration that these children felt toward him.

Again, Andy was making a difference on that most basic, human level. Andy's father said he will forever cherish that photograph. He said, "That's what [Andy] was all about."

In spite of all the violence that Andy saw firsthand, he remained committed to being in Iraq as long as he was needed. His mother explained:

He'd been in Iraq more than he'd been home the last two years. But, he really was OK with being over there because he saw the oppression and the cruelty that had happened to the people there. His heart went out to the Iraqi people and the deplorable conditions that they lived in. He thought a lot of the Iraqi people, and he was willing to go back because he thought we were doing so much good.

And that's exactly what he did—he went back for a second tour of duty in Iraq. Though he was scheduled to come

back and live with his parents on April 1 of this year, he didn't rule out the possibility of going to Iraq for even a third tour. Throughout his time there, Andy kept in close touch with his family and his friends in the police force. Andy's last phone call home on February 24 was to tell his parents that he was scheduled to return home in about 4 weeks—just in time to celebrate his 25th birthday.

The sudden and tragic events of February 26 devastated family and friends, alike. Choking back tears, Police Chief Robert Anotelli remembers his last contact with Andy. He said:

I have a message from him on my answering machine. . . . He was talking about buying a camelback for the captain. He said he was okay, to tell the guys "I love you, and I'll see you when I get back." I will never ever erase that message.

When asked about the impact of the news on the Grand River Police, Chief Antonelli said: "You ever see 29 grown men cry? You don't get many guys like Andy. He was the real deal. Andy believed in what he was doing in Iraq. He's a true hero." As Andy's brother, Nathan said, "The world's a lesser place right now. He made everyone around him better."

Andy's death has prompted an overwhelming outpouring of love and support. Perhaps, best of all, it has prompted people to remember and appreciate the beautiful person that Andy was. Family and friends remember Andy's unique sense of humor. His fellow police officers remember how he would bring disco balls in police cruisers just to make his partners laugh or how he'd bring smiley faces to jail to entertain the inmates. John Bechtel, one of Andy's good friends who works as a patrolman in East Cleveland had this to say:

There was never a dull moment with Andy. He never had a bad day. He never complained. He was always happy. I don't think I ever saw him mad. . . . He had bought a computer in Iraq, and he was always downloading songs, calling me, saying "You've got to hear this song when I get back." And he was sending me text messages somehow. I still don't know how he did it.

Todd Carroscia, an East Cleveland and Timberlake police officer and close pal, said Andy gave 110 percent as an officer and a friend. He said that "Andy was a unique person. He had a smile that was amazing. That smile will be stuck in my mind forever."

Andy's friend, Andrew Moore, remembers all the particular mannerisms that made Andy so unique, so magnetic, and so charming. In a heart-breaking and beautiful letter to Andy's family, he wrote the following:

His laugh was so funny. It always sounded like he was a mad scientist or [something]. . . . Andy had a walk that no one else had. It was more of a strut than a walk. . . . The voice, the laugh, the strut, these were the things that made you find out who he was on the inside and become a friend of his. And once you were allowed into his world, you'd see and hear things that you only see in movies or on TV.

He had these characteristics that movie executives pay writers millions of dollars to

create. But he had them, and they were real . . . [He was] one of the most wonderful souls ever to grace this earth—a human being [whom] thousands of people loved strictly because of who he was. . . .

Family and friends also remember Andy's love of children and animals. According to his mom:

When he first got to Iraq, the first thing he did was find a lizard. He must have carried that thing around in the Humvee for seven months! He also had four dogs that followed him around there. He was like Dr. Doolittle! He once traded a case of Gatorade for chickens and a rooster. He got the chickens and a rooster, because he was trying to get fresh eggs. He never got fresh eggs. He got little chickens!

On March 7, 2005, a mass held at St. Gabriel Catholic Church in Concord, OH, drew about 1,000 mourners including hundreds of police officers and Marines in dress-blue uniforms from northeast Ohio and Pennsylvania. An honor guard of 60 members from the 4th Marine Division Truck Company in Erie, PA, where Andy was stationed before being deployed to Iraq, soberly lined the walkway into the church. The Marine line was bolstered by police officers dozens deep. Andy's peace-keeping brethren, both civilian and military, saluted his arrival and departure with tearful eyes.

Two of Andy's fellow Marines helped carry his casket. They were joined by a Grand River police officer and three officers from East Cleveland, home to several of Andy's closest friends.

The Reverend Jerome Dukes, the Catholic priest who gave Andy's eulogy, had known the family for years, officiating at the wedding of Andy's parents, Sheila and Denis, and baptizing Andy as a baby. Reverend Dukes said that "Andy was glowing testimony of what it means to be merciful and a peacemaker. He shared his life and liberty with all of us.

Andy was buried with full military honors in the All Souls Cemetery in Chardon, Ohio.

In honor of Andy, a memorial scholarship fund has been established at Lakeland Community College in Kirtland, Ohio. The scholarship fund benefits students entering the police academy, criminal justice program, EMT and firefighter programs offered at Lakeland. It is expected to last in perpetuity.

Along with Congressman STEVE LATOURETTE, I am an honorary Co-Chair of the Andy Nowacki Memorial Scholarship Committee. The fund expresses Andy's desire to help those who shared his love of humanity and public service. Andy wanted to give so that others might have the opportunity to give back, too.

My wife Fran and I continue to keep Andy's family and friends—especially his brothers Nathan and Peter and his parents Sheila and Denis—in our thoughts and in our prayers. The best comfort that we can give them is to remember all the good and joy that Andy brought into the world in a life that was all too brief. We can also remem-

ber one of Andy's favorite sayings: "Smile. There's nothing to be unhappy about."

Mr. President, I thank the Chair. I yield the floor.

TRIBUTE TO STEVEN A. VALDEZ

Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life of a young Arkansan who, in the name of freedom, paid the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of the nation he loved. Steven A. Valdez was a brave soldier who died a hero in a foreign land, but he was also a caring young man who deeply loved his family and friends and they were never far from his mind.

Those who knew Lance Corporal Valdez from his childhood in McRea, a small north-central Arkansas town, remember him as competitive, energetic and fun-loving. He graduated from Beebe High School in 2004 and, soon after, followed the footsteps of his older brother Glenn Skaggs, and his grandfather Billy Skaggs, into the U.S. Marine Corps.

In November of 2004, Lance Corporal Valdez reported to the Marine Corps Base at Kaneohe Bay, HI. Serving with the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, he was deployed to Afghanistan in June as a machine gun operator with Weapons Platoon Company E. Within the year, his family received a letter from the Marines, which cited Valdez's promotion to Lance Corporal and praised him for going above and beyond what was asked or expected of him. While serving in Afghanistan, Lance Corporal Valdez was stationed at Camp Blessing. The camp is located in eastern Afghanistan, in the foothills of the Hindu Kush mountains near the Pakistani border, and serves as a forward operating base for intelligence and military operations aimed to train Afghan security forces and track down al-Qaida terrorists. He served with a platoon of Marines guarding the camp.

While serving in Afghanistan, Lance Corporal Valdez and his grandfather, Billy had an agreement; Billy would send care packages with his grandson's favorite snacks and items from home, but he would also include phone cards with the expectation that the young marine would call his grandfather once a week. For Lance Corporal Valdez, it was a much-needed respite from the stresses of war that allowed him to feel a little closer to home; for Billy, it was reassuring to hear his grandson's voice and to know that he was safe and healthy.

On September 26, insurgents attacked Camp Blessing with mortar, rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire. Lance Corporal Valdez was struck by shrapnel from a mortar while running to his machine gun post. The brave 20-year-old died shortly after.

In remembering their loved one Corporal Valdez's proud grandfather speaks of him as a "true hero." When his brother, SGT Glenn Skaggs, returns to Iraq, he will be concerned about his own well-being, but only in the sense that he doesn't want to put

his family through another grieving process. Despite these concerns, in a manner typical of this courageous and selfless family, he proudly states "My brother was over there for something he believed in, and I want to help finish it."

Although Steven Valdez may no longer be with us, his legacy and his spirit will forever live on in our hearts. On behalf of a grateful nation, my thoughts and prayers go out his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him.

I thank you, Mr. President, and I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be dispensed with.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### BARBARA BERGER RETIREMENT

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to recognize Barbara Berger, a dedicated Senate employee who is retiring today. Barbara has devoted 33 years to the Office of the Sergeant at Arms in the Senate Recording Studio.

She has served 13 Sergeants at Arms. Of the 320 Senators who have passed through these halls during her tenure, only 4 current Members have been "under the Dome" longer than Barbara.

Throughout her career in the Senate, Barbara has brought strength, passion, and dignity to every aspect of her service. She's seen tremendous change over the years. But through it all, she has remained constant and loyal to this institution.

On behalf of the entire Senate, I would like to thank Barbara Berger for her 33 years of service.

We wish her the very best in her retirement.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 554. An act to prevent legislative and regulatory functions from being usurped by civil liability actions brought or continued against food manufacturers, marketers, distributors advertisers, sellers, and trade associations for claims of injury relating to a person's weight gain, obesity, or any health condition associated with weight gain or obesity.

S. 1904. A bill to provide elementary and secondary education assistance to students and schools impacted by Hurricane Katrina.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SMITH):

S. 1906. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude property tax rebates and other benefits provided to volunteer firefighters, search and rescue personnel, and emergency medical responders from income and employment taxes and wage withholding; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SMITH, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1907. A bill to promote the development of Native American small business concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1908. A bill to authorize the Under Secretary of Technology of the Department of Commerce to award grants to establish up to eight Nanoscience to Commercialization Institutes throughout the United States to develop commercial applications for nanotechnology; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. DODD, and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 284. A resolution authorizing filming in the Chamber of the Senate for the use by the Capitol Visitor Center; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. Res. 285. A resolution recognizing the efforts and contributions of outstanding national Hispanic scientists; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 440

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 440, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include podiatrists as physicians for purposes of covering physicians services under the medicaid program.

S. 662

At the request of Mr. REED, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 662, a

bill to reform the postal laws of the United States.

S. 1200

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1200, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the depreciation recovery period for certain roof systems.

S. 1504

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1504, a bill to establish a market driven telecommunications marketplace, to eliminate government managed competition of existing communication service, and to provide parity between functionally equivalent services.

S. 1570

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1570, a bill to promote employment of individuals with severe disabilities through Federal Government contracting and procurement processes, and for other purposes.

S. 1900

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1900, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to stabilize the amount of the medicare part B premium.

S. RES. 282

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 282, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should raise awareness of domestic violence in the United States and its devastating effects on families.

AMENDMENT NO. 2124

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR), and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2124 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3058, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SMITH):

S. 1906. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude property tax rebates and other benefits provided to volunteer firefighters, search